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"It was okay when we had
rule disputes, and beer,
of course, and pseudonyms,
and even the Reinsei-Wells
dispute... but we'll never
get away with a diplomacy
magazine about ORANGES!"

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In the interests of presenting the replies to Capt. Rodney Walker's Orange Heresy (see sTab #54) we omit the listings this time. They will return with redoubled strength next issue.

In two weeks I will journey to Toronto and environs to witness the National Day of Protest (against the Vietnam war), as well as to attempt to convince Lake and Nelson of the error of their ways. Reports (loud reports) may follow.

sTab #III "Fall 1908" 11 October 1968

ROLAND TZUDIKER -- no moves received; unavailable by phone

ENGLAND: F Nth-stand

TURKEY: F's Tun, Ion; A's Ven, Apu, Gre, Ank-stand

JOHN McCALLUM

GERMANY: F Edi (S) ENGLISH F Nth; A Ruh-hold; A Lon-hold

FRANCE: A Ruh-Bel; A Pie (S) TURKISH A Ven-Tyr; F Mid-Bre;
A Hol (S) GERMAN A Ruh; F Helg (S) ENGLISH F Nth; F Eng-Wal.

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LARRY PEERIE

RUSSIA: A Arm-Smy; F Bla-Ank; F Con (S) F Bla-Ank; A Rum-Ser;
 A Bul (S) A Rum-Ser; A Ser-Alb; A Tri (S) A Tyr; A Tyr (S)
 A Tri; A Mun-Ruh; A Kie (S) A Mun-Ruh; A Sil-Mun;
 A Ber (S) A Kie; A Den (S) A Kie; F Bal (S) A Kie;
 F Ska (S) A Den; F Nwy-Nth; F Nwg (S) F Nwy-Nth; F Nat-Lvp

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Turkish Army Ankara is annihilated.

 DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1908" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1968

BUILDS:

ENGLAND:	Zy ((OUT)) Remove Fleet North Sea	Total 5
TURKEY:	Smy , Gre, Tun, Rom, Ven, Nap ((5)) No change	
FRANCE:	Par, Mar, Bel, Spa, Hol, Por, <u>Bre</u> ((7)) Build ONE	
GERMANY:	Lyp , Edi, Lon ((2)) Remove ONE	Total 9
RUSSIA:	Mos, War, Sev, StP, Swe, Rum, Bud, Ank, Con, Nwy, Vie, Ser, Ber, Mun, Tri, Kie, Bul, Den, <u>Smy</u> , <u>Lvp</u> ((20)) Build 2	

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RALSTONSTADT (24 September 1908) The Fall term got under way here at Ryerson College as more than 23,000 students showed up at the world's foremost institution of higher learning. In its new catalog the College announced the offering of the following new degrees:

- 1) Ph.D. in dairy farming and animal husbandry,
- 2) M.S. in witchcraft and sorcery,
- 3) B.S. in political demagogery,
- 4) B.A. in libertine arts.

The establishment of three new "chairs" for visiting professors was also announced:

- 1) Chair in Navel Affairs, sponsored jointly by Florida Citrus Commission and the Royal Naval Association of Bermuda,
- 2) Chair in Animal Psychology, sponsored by the Black Panther Association of Hunter's Point, California,
- 3) Chair in Political Action Communication, sponsored by the Greater Seattle Beautification Committee.

The College has also announced that Dr. Horace Greeding Dingbat, Professor of Mariology, had been appointed as the school's ombundman ("ombundman"?).

The first couple of weeks at the College were marked by circulating rumors on the nature of the experiments being conducted by the Institute of Sexual Studies under Drs. McKinsley and Generales using Jacque Greene, the College's only undergraduate student, as their subject. A call for female volunteers in the school newspaper for "experiments" produced most limited responses: three young ladies did show up but under the mistaken impression that an educational process was involved. Meanwhile, the campus continues to be divided between advocates of the adoption of the name "Greenebeans"

and those favoring "Libertarians" for the name of the school's football team, which last week decisively defeated the University of Simon Fraser, 32-3.

Dr. John Bourke's lecture on "THE INFLUENCE OF SCOTCH WHISKEY ON THE PRINKIPO CONFERENCE" was cancelled when his secretary mistakenly filed his notes in the school's shredding machine, which has been hickuping ever since.

ST. PEERIGRAD (23 October 1908) Her Imperial Majesty, the Empress Xenia Tanayevski-Ordevski, was married today to the Crown Prince of Poland, George Daniel Michael Evans-Kuszynski in a ceremony at the Cathedral of St. Peery the Beloved here. Following the majestic ceremony, which combines the world's two greatest empires, the couple left for a honeymoon on the Danube frontier. The Government has temporarily been placed in the hands of the Grand Duke Boris.

SYDNEY (AUSTRALIA) (25 October 1908) The Russian Empire's senior delegates here, Grand Duke Charles and Count Peter, today announced they were abandoning peace talks with the ~~Anglo~~-Turkish-German-French delegates and returning home following unsuccessful attempts to end the war. The Grand Duke announced that although he found Australia pleasant he much preferred the Homeland since the Australians were notoriously crude and uncultured, and indulged in various unmentionable practices which led to an over-population of rabbits, kangeroos, and wombats, and a deficiency of people; which made him wonder about the Australians. However, the Grand Duke did not deny rumors that the Russian Fleet off the coast was preparing to seize the nation, and turn it over to the Maldive Islands.

YOUNGSTOWN (Ohio) (1 November 1908) General Boris B. Bolinki, Commander of the First Imperial Horse Guards, arrived here today to assume control by the protocols signed in St. Peerigrad last year under the Greater Peerian Peace and Co-Prosperity Sphere which placed Youngstown in the Russian Sphere. The town at present has been only partially occupied, with fierce resistance from "YUDC" guerrillas around the University area holding the advance up. Russian troops are camped in Lake Newport Park ((they'll get sick)), along the Canfield Road, and have advanced as far as Poland Ave. Resistance has been encountered along Salt Springs Road as troops move toward Girard. Russian troops have passed through Boardman, East Palestine, Calcutta, Liverpool, Lisbon, Minerva, London, Toronto, Vienna, and Paris (all Youngstown suburbs), and are pushing along highway 153 toward Louisville. Great signs reading "THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING, THE RUSSIANS ARE COMING!;" "PEERI FOR POSTMASTER," and "SLOW! CATTLE AND/OR CHILDREN CROSSING" dot the highways. Noticable was the missing local population which has fled before the advancing Russians.

HARRISBURG (OHIO) (5 November 1908) Stopped at this small town along Route 153 by roadwork (20,000 Russian troops were routed by three construction workers with red flags), General Bolinki has pitched a temporary camp here. Assured

by Highway Dept. spokesmen that the road would be open "in a matter of weeks," General Bolinki has wisely laid in provisions for a minimum of three years.

MALE (Mal_dive Islands) (6 November 1908) The entire population of the Islands, some 9,200 people (which isn't bad when you figure they had over 90,000 in 1965, and it isn't even a Catholic Country), turned out today to welcome home His Excellency Mohammed Did Ist, Sultan of the Islands. The Sultan, who stands over six foot, weighs only 145 pounds, has brown hair and eyes, and a whisp of a moustache, is rumored to bear a remarkable resemblance to... heh, heh. The Sultan has recently been accused of being greedy in his foreign policy and the trip to St. Peerigrad last season was regarded by some as an attempt to curry favor with the powerful Russian Empire. It is said the Sultan hopes to persuade the Russians to seize Australia and turn it over to him. for his very own. However, the Russian ambassador, Count Nicholas Eatsinrac, has not recommended this as yet. The presence of a large Russian naval force in the Maldivian atoll is suggested to imply that the Russians have less than complete confidence in the Sultan's ability to govern even a small state, let along a more highly civilized one. Meanwhile, the Sultan plays in his palace with his dolls, his bunnies, and devotes himself to growing, of all things, potted greenebeans, which is rumored to be the object of some attention on the part of the Sultan. Just what kind is unknown.

This moment of silence is brought to you by.
ERIC BLAKE JOHNSTON LINDEN

INTERNATIONAL PEERIPORT (10 November 1908) Dr. Werner von Peerinut, Director of the International Peeriport today announced the mission of Earth's first inter-planetary probe had been completed and the vessel WHOOOPEE DOO Ist was returning to Earth from Peeritune. It is expected the vessel will require some six months to return home. In the meanwhile Peericentral has released further excerpts from the recorded messages of the Peerinauts.

(Following last issue's discovery of the giant blocs and their tentative identification as part of the remains of exodus from Earth to escape the establishment of a world-wide Peericracy by a group of Earth's most powerful heroes, Peerinauts Nelson, Lake, and Koning continued their search for further clues in this mystery.)

LAKE: "Commander?"

NELSON: "Yes?"

LAKE: "I have found some more blocs. Lots of them."

NELSON: "Well, turn your Peeriscanner on them and let's see if the Turnervac can identify them."

LAKE: "Yes, sir."

(Peeriscanner begins examination of various blocs.)

Large black bloc which shows heavy signs of warpage, as well as a large crack down the middle. Obviously well battered and the object of much abuse and wearing. Unusually interesting, and noteworthy, is the large round hole through the center of the bloc. Across the top the following is carved: 'W-I-L-L-I-A-M L-E-E B-O-A-R-D-M-A-N' and near the bottom is MAGNA GLORIA PAR BROOKLYN.

Tall, skinny, white bloc, almost untouched, with only a few minor scratches, bearing the instription: L-A-G-U-E-R-R-E-E-S-T-E-O-N. Near the bottom is a large confusion of sumbols: LWP-JLG-BT-WHJ-JBB.

Short, fat bloc, in orange, covered with only two sumbols, a big R and a big F.

(TURNERVAC READOUT: FIRST BLOC IS BELIEVED TO BE THAT OF FORMER NEW YORK MAYOR, LATER BELIEVED TO BE SCHIZOID, WILLIAM LEE BOARDMAN, WHO IN 1975 JUMPED OFF THE EMPIRE STATE BUILDING WHEN HIS SUBSCRIPTION TO GRAUSTARK EXPIRED, AND COULD NOT BE RENEWED. SECOND BLOC CANNOT BE POSITIVELY IDENTIFIED. MAY HAVE BELONGED TO FORMER UNDERCOVER AGENT FOR THE PIA, BUDDY TRETICK, BUT MORE PROBABLY BELONGED TO FORMER FRENCHMAN, CECIL B. HARDESTY. SHORT FAT BLOC IS SYMBOL OF CULT OBCESSION WITH MORALITY.)

/// later ///

LAKE: "Commander, there is something over there. I'm not sure what it is but it isn't a bloc, at least like these."

NELSON: "Don't just stand there, go see."

LAKE: "It's a long way."

NELSON: "Okay, you and Koning can take the scooter, but no more dragging, you hear?"

LAKE-KONING: "Yes, sir."

NELSON: "Get going."

(A small green vehicle, shaped something like a chi-chi fly, moves rapidly across the landscape which cannot readily be described. However, the sky is green with blue streaks and clouds of purple, red and orange. Every few minutes electrical storms cover and light up the sky with bright flashes of yellow and white light. The hills are covered with a fine dust of gold colored bronze and silver rocks mixed with diamonds and rubies. The vessel is located in a valley surrounded by high hills, atop which is a white material which might be snow, or clouds.)

LAKE: "Commander, we are closer to the thing."

NELSON: "What is it?"

KONING: "Not that close."

NELSON: "CENSORED..."

KONING: "Commander, it's a building, or something like that. It's about 500 feet high and maybe a hundred feet round. It looks like there is somekind of ramp leading around it up to the top. And there are windows, but I don't see any kind of doors. Say, it looks like that Guggenheim Museum in New York, you know, the one that was in the history books on the American Empire?"

NELSON: "Ah, so..."

LAKE: "Yes, it does, at that."

NELSON: "Could it be a museum?"

KONING: "Well, maybe."

LAKE: "Let's go see."

Has our mighty band of explorers discovered a museum, or something more sinister? What is this round tower in the midst of these blocs? A giant Pepsi bottle? A light house? Or a bell tower? How can we find out? Will Koning find a way in, instead of a way out, for a change? What about Nelson? Does his 'ah sc...' indicate something we don't know? Did I really swipe this from 2001? Is it from the soon to be released motion picture "Around Peery's Mind, by Rocket"?

See next issue, when most of these questions will not be answered.

--- Tab #V

--- "Spring 1905"

--- 11 October 1968

HAL NAUS

ENGLAND: F Lon-Eng; F Hol (S) FRENCH A Pic-Bel; F Helg-Mth;
F Mid-WMed

FRANCE: A Pic-Bel; A Par-Pic; A Bur (S) A Mar; A Mar (S) F Spa;
F Spa(sc) (S) ENGLISH F Mid-WMed

TURKEY: F Con (S) A Smy; A Smy (S) F Con; F Syr (S) A Smy

DEREK NELSON

GERMANY: A Ruh-Mun

ITALY: A Tyr-Boh; A Pie-Mar; F Tus-Lyon; F Lyon-WMed; F WMed-Naf;

AUSTRIA: A Ser (S) A Bul; F EMed-Smy; F Aeg (S) A Bul; A Vie-Gal;
A Bud (S) A Vie-Gal; A Bul (S) RUSSIAN A Rum

JOHN SMYTHE

RUSSIA: A Gal-Bud; A Rum (S) A Gal-Bud; F Bla (S) A Rum; A Sev-Ukr;
A War-Sil; A Sil-Boh; A Pru-Ber; F Ber-Kie;
F Kie-Den; F Den-Ska

Underlined moves do not succeed. The Austrian Army Budapest is routed, and may retreat to either Vienna or Trieste. This retreat should accompany the "Fall 1905" moves, which may be made conditional upon its direction.

--- DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1905" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1968

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"Fall 1912, Game III"

11 October 1968

L I T T L E A C T I V I T Y O N F R O N T S

AUSTRIANS EVACUATE TRIESTE... AGAIN

Autumn 1912: Austrian Fleet Ionian retreats to Albania

ENGLAND: F WMed-hold; F Nwy (S) RUSSIAN A StP; A Swe-Lvn;
(Pournelle) F Both (C) A Swe-Lvn; F Bal (S) A Swe-Lvn; A Hol (S)
GERMAN A Kie; A Bur-Mun; F Eng-hold

GERMANY: A Ruh (S) ENGLISH A Bur-Mun; A Kie (S) ENGLISH A Bur-Kie
(Latimer)

ITALY: F Ion-Alb; F Tyrr-Ion; F Apu (S) F Tyrr-Ion; F Nap (S)
(Clark) F Tyrr-Ion; F Lyon-Tyrr; A Pi6 (S) A Ven; A Tus (S)
A Ven; A Ven holds waterlogged Oktoberfest.

AUSTRIA: F Alb (S) F Adr; F Adr-hold; F EMed-Ion; F Gre-hold;
(Smythe) A Tyr-Tri; A Vie-Tri; A Tri-Bud; A Mos (S) A Lvn; A Lvn
(S) RUSSIAN A StP; A War (S) A Lvn; A Pru (S) A Ber;
A Ber (S) GERMAN A Kie; A Mun (S) GERMAN A Kie; A Sil (S)
A Mun; A Boh (S) A Mun

RUSSIA: A StP-holds
(Nelson)

Underlined moves do not succeed. There are no "Winter 1912" moves,
as no supply centers have changed hands, and no annihilations have
taken place.

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SUPPLY CENTERS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy, Bel, Hol, Swe, Bre ((8)) No change
GERMANY: Kie, Den ((2)) No change
ITALY: Nap, Ven, Tun, Spa, Rom, Por, Par, Mar ((8)) No change
AUSTRIA: Vie, Tri, Bud, Ser, Gre, Rum, Bul, Con, Ank, Ber, Smy, Mun,
War, Sev, Mos ((15)) No change
RUSSIA: StP ((1)) no change

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ST. PETERSBURG At precisely noon today this city was rocked by the
resounding cheers of its inhabitants for the brave
lads of the combined Anglo-Austrian forces protecting it from the
heathen.

WHITEHALL The Admiralty watches this disastrous war with dismay.
His Majesty suggests that all members of the Grand Al-
liance should confer with regard to the best method for ending this
engagement, if necessary by the orderly transfer of territories among
members of the Alliance for the purpose of giving one of them suffi-
cient resources to finish the war.

It is obvious that England would be the major beneficiary of
this transfer, and would eventually be the victor in the conflict.
It is also obvious that no other power could withstand the Austrian
onslaught, generate sufficient new forces to replace those lost by the
accretion of power to England, and eventually accumulate the force
required to end the war. It is further obvious that this could not
be accomplished in the face of serious hostilities by any member of
the Alliance other than the smallest, in that the Austrians would
gain the power needed to win the war themselves if there were fighting

among the allies.

England is willing to discuss whatever methods may be available to reward the Italians in exchange for the required transfer of power, which would, of course, take many years and would have to be accomplished with extreme delicacy and close coordination. The alternative is a continued stalemate in the war ending when a principal member of the Alliance fails to transfer orders.

VIENNA Again, the Austrian Government offers to make peace with the Italians. It is hoped that some modus vivendi can be arranged before the English are in a position to destroy her allies and dominate Europe.

- - - - - "Winter 1904, Game IV" - - - - -

R U S S I A S H E L T E R S I N R U M A N I A

TURKISH BLACK SEA FLEET PLACED IN MOTHBALLS

Autumn 1904: The Russian Army Galicia retreats to Rumania, necessitating a Turkish removal, and reducing to one the required number of Russian removals.

ENGLAND: Build Fleet Liverpool
(Koalenz)

GERMANY: Build Army Munich, Fleet Berlin
(Snytho)

RUSSIA: Remove Fleet Helgoland Bight
(Ward)

TURKEY: Remove Fleet Black Sea
(Kuch)

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ENGLAND If Allah Ben Had can figure out a Fortran II program with the 1st Marine Brigade in a DO-LOOP X number of times with the Sultan's Harem, the English will be overjoyed and quite appreciative. /s/ The Mad Satirical Monk's Acquaintance

RUMANIA The Tsar thanks the Turks for their offer of sanctuary for the third army. Meanwhile, bids are now being solicited for the ocean front property near Los Angeles; the Tsar desires to lay down the burdens of ruling somewhat earlier than anticipated.



MASSIF^{no} 66



In sTab 54, Massif III ended in a victory for England, played ably by Monte Zelazay. At that time space considerations prohibited

the usual summary and supply center chart. It is presented here.

1967E - Massif III - John Koning, gamesmaster.

E - Monte Zelazny (won FO9)
 F - Charles Turner
 G - Dick Schultz (out SO5)
 I - James MacKenzie (out FO8)
 A - Dave Francis
 R - Phil Castora (out FO4)
 T - Richard Shagrin (out SO9)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	
E -	5	6	8	9	11	12	11	14	18*	As usual in such charts in sTab, an asterisk indicates that through failure to or inability to build, a country was one unit short at the end of the "Winter" moves for that year.
F -	5*	6*	6	8	9*	10	9	13*	12	
G -	5	4	2	1						
I -	4	4	4	2	1	1	2			
A -	5	6	7	11*	10**	9	10*	6	4	
R -	5	3	2							
T -	4	4	4	3*	3*	2	2*	1		

GAMESMASTER'S SUMMARY Massif III was begun in sTab 27, on 18 February 1966, ending some 19 months later. Its

conclusion in 1909 makes it the rapidest game ever run in sTab... the number of missed moves and of defaulting players sets a record for this magazine, too, and produces a game unusual in the extreme.

In 1901 England landed an Army in Belgium, while Germany moved against Russia. Italy, betraying some indecision, first moved to Piedmont and then to Tyrolia, meanwhile conveying an Army to Tunis in what was then known as the Smythe strategy for Italy (Fleet to Ionian, convoy to Tunis, build Fleet Naples, then either hit Turkey by going for the Eastern Med, or strike at Frande). Turkey was hostile to Austria (and remained so for the duration).

In the second year of the game England and Germany cooperated on a Spring invasion of France, but Germany was caught completely unprepared when in the Fall of 1902 England and France turned on him, seizing Holland and outflanking him generally. On the other side of the board, Italy and Austria were cooperating against Russia and Turkey, and Russia was missing moves. Russia's collapse at the beginning of 1902 set the tone for the game, and discouraged his ally Turkey to a great extent.

In 1903 England and France launched a Mediterranean campaign which saw an English Fleet take Tunis in Fall 1903. While Germany managed to put a fleet into London, Schultz was badly battered as Italy took a hand and captured Munich. Austria began to surround Turkey by capturing Sevastapol and it looked as though Italy and Austria, by leaping into the vacuum created by Russia's default might be able to contain England and France while eliminating Turkey.

England and France evidently had a builds agreement which required that England build only fleets and France only armies. By the end of 1903 England had 7 fleets and 1 army, while France had 5 armies and 1 fleet. This agreement was adhered to until late in the game, and was then broken only by England.

In 1904 Germany began to miss moves, as did Italy. The collapse of two more major powers, both facing England and France, made advance swift for Turner and Zelazny, who had only Austria and Turkey to face as active opponents. And Austria and Turkey were at war. By the end of 1905, England had 11 Fleets and 1 Army.

By this time France had already conceded the win to England in return for second place, so all that remained in the last 5 years of play was to determine the conditions of victory. Italy awakened briefly in 1907, leading to his elimination in 1908, and Turkey showed some signs of life in his latter days. All in all, however, the game was horribly marred by missed moves. Only England managed to submit every move. Austria failed to build in 1905 after struggling to put himself in position to do so, and hastened his downfall. But the cessation of activity by Germany, Italy, Russia and Turkey while strong, if not at the height of their power, so badly unbalanced the game that general analysis breaks down. It is impossible to say where mistakes were made when at times nearly half the board was inactive. Notably, it was the older players -- Castora, MacKenzie, and Schultz -- who did most of the move missing, and the newer players (or so they were when the game began) who had the best records.

Congratulations to Monte Zelazny on his third win, and to Charles Turner and Dave Francis for playing the game out.

----- "Winter 1901, Game IV" -----

W A R G O I N G S P L E N D I D L Y
EVERYBODY ARMS FOR ROUND TWO

ENGLAND: Build Fleet London
(Thomson)

FRANCE: Build Army Paris
(Naus)

GERMANY: Build Army Berlin, Fleet Kiel
(Kcalenz)

ITALY: Build Fleet Naples
(Greene)

AUSTRIA: Build Army Budapest, Army Vienna
(Cochran)

RUSSIA: Build Fleet St. Petersburg (nc), Army Warsaw
(Nelson)

TURKEY: Build Fleet Smyrna
(Clark)

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GENOA Yes, you guessed it, Duca Greene and the Royalist-Republican Party sweep to an easy victory (they control a sizable minority of seats). The Anti-Swiss Party made more than expected

gains after certain ons were revealed between the Peerites and the G.M. Something to do with drinking from a cup.

The Duca Greene was heard to remark after the election, "Yes, we often wonder when Duca Peery will get married. There are rumors of a Chris or Lynn; but are these names corruptions for Christopher or Lyndon? I personally have always wondered especially after the Mini-towel episode with John "Geneva" Koning."

GENEVA (DWE) Well, Duca Greene, see if any of your orders succeed next time. Oh well, if you can't trust the G.M., who can?

MESSINA FOREIGN AFFAIRS SOCIETY Questions to ponder:

- A) Why is there an army in Helsinki? (1) Good beer, (2) Good girls, (3) Dad:Girls, (4) Russian engineers are looking for the Northwest Passage.
- B) Why is there an army in Belgium? (1) Because Belgium likes to be raped, (2) France is going to be raped, (3) The G.M. made a mistake.

Humbert I was heard to comment several days ago, "I don't care who gets a reem job as long as it isn't me. I'd even help, maybe."

BARI Now that L. Peery is no longer in the Air Force (or so it seems) and he is apparently distressed about the Dippy world, what will happen? Will the arch fiend get married? (If he is stupid.) Drafter? (Well...) Get a job? Continue with school? Or become a T.V. celebrity like Bert Parks?

LITERARY NOTES (from Turkey) "Postal Diplomacy insidiously reaches its black tentacles everywhere -- from Page 189 of the Bantam Science Edition (copyright 1935) of Hans Zinssar's Rats, Lice, and History: (Speaking of the year 1526) "Added to his European difficulties, the rapidly advancing power of the Turks in the East, with invasion of Italy threatened by way of Apulia, conspired to confuse the papal Diplomacy." Sounds like 1967U to me.

ORTHANC 54

Game 1966AB

"Spring 1910, Game H"

11 October 1968

A U S T R I A A B A N D O N S I T A L Y

END MAY BE NEAR

ENGLAND: F Iri-hold; A Yor-Wal; A Edi-Yor; F Tun (S) ENGLISH
(Cartier) F WMed-Tyrr

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GERMANY: F Eng-Mid; F Nth-Eng; F Lyon (C) A Mar-Tus; F WMed-Tyrr;
 (Thomson) F Naf (S) F Eng-Mid; A Tyr-held; A Bur-Mar; A Sil-Boh;
 A Pie (S) A Mar-Tus; A Lvn-Pru; A War-Cal; A Ukr (S)
 A Sev-Rum; A Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev; A Mun (S) A Tyr

AUSTRIA: A Ven-Tri; A Tri-Alb; A Boh-Vie; A Gal-Bud; A Bud-Rum;
 (Reinsel) A Ser (S) A Bud-Rum; A Bul (S) A Bud-Rum; A Gre (S)
 A Bul; F Tyrr-Ion; F Ion-EMed

TURKEY: F Ank-Bla; F Aeg (S) F Con-Bul(ec); F Con-Bul(ec)
 (Latimer)

Underlined moves do not succeed.

DEADLINE FOR "FALL 1910" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1968 - - -
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VIENNA "Take Italy and let us have peace! Our boys are tired of
 fighting."

----- "Fall 1901, Game L" -----

A N K A R A, T R I E S T E F A L L

STRANGE THINGS ARE HAPPENING

ENGLAND: F Nwg-Bar; A Yor-Nwy; F Nth (C) A Yor-Nwy
 (Davidson)

FRANCE: A Pic-Bel; A Mar-Spa; F Mid-Por
 (Halle)

GERMANY: A Kie-Mun; A Ruh-Hol; F Den-hold
 (Lebling)

ITALY: A Tyr (S) A Ven-Tri; A Ven-Tri; F Ion-Tun
 (Francis)

AUSTRIA: A Ser (S) F Alb-Gre; F Alb-Gre; A Tri-Vie
 (Swenson)

RUSSIA: F Both-Swe; A Sev-Rum; A Ukr (S) A Sev-Rum; F Bla-Ank
 (Walker)

TURKEY: F Con-Aeg; A Bul-Rum; A Smy-Con
 (Tzudiker)

Underlined moves do not succeed. Ken Davidson informs me that he
 will not be returning to Canada until December, so it will be some
 little time before McCallum takes the helm as England. Note that as

is rare in 1901, all neutral centers have been captured.

DEADLINE FOR "WINTER 1901" ORDERS IS FRIDAY, 1 NOVEMBER 1968

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BUILDS:

ENGLAND: Lon, Lvp, Edi, Nwy ((4)) Build ONE
FRANCE: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Pcr, Bel ((6)) Build THREE
GERMANY: Ber, Mun, Kie, Den, Hol ((5)) Build TWO
ITALY: Rom, Ven, Nap, Tun, Tri ((5)) Build TWO
AUSTRIA: Vie, Bud, Trz, Ser, Gre ((4)) Build ONE
RUSSUA: StP, Mcs, War, Sev, Swe, Rum, Ank ((7)) Build THREE ((eee))
TURKEY: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul ((3)) No change ((gasp))

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VERSAILLES His Imperial Majesty, Eduard I, true and rightful king of France, Emperor of the Belgians, Spaninh, Portugese, and assorted lesser people of Europe, today ordered the Duchy of Pabst's Blue Ribbon awarded to Kenneth the III of England and David the Last of Italy. "We recognize the restraint these two monarchs have shown in placing their forces away from our borders," His Majesty said. "I anticipate on awarding this medal to King Lebling the Least this Winter after inspecting the remains of the Brussels wineries." So saying, His Majesty withdrew to draw up a list of priorities for vintages to be secured when Lisbon, Brussels, and Madrid fall. It has been learned from usually reliable sources that His Majesty has not yet decided which capital to visit first for the inspection of vintages, or whether to have them brought to Versailles.

AT SEA WITH THE FIRST FLEET Admiral Wilhelm Weiser appears to be satisfied with the morale and order on his ship following a mass courts-martial yesterday. An unscheduled inspection, of course, revealed that 1194 members of the 1200 man crew were in possession of alcoholic beverages in their sea chests. The six derelict members were sentences to be cast adrift in a life-boat and to desert to Spain. "With such people in their navy," Admiral Weiser said, "the Spaniards will be no contest.

NICE Border officials today releases 323 Mad, Satirical, Monks to Italian police. The Monks were dumped in a boxcar, locked in, and when last seen, the train was headed East.

GENEVA (DWE) Mad Satirical Monkeys?

VIENNA (31 October 1901, Demi-Tass) The Archduke Franz Ferdinand, in a pompous ceremony at the Ballplatz, was chosen as the Imperial Sacrifice to Russia. In a suitable ceremony, including some rather hastily recruited Virgin Feather Dancers, the new Ambassador movingly read his Last Will and Testament, and was assisted through the Last Rites by the Mad

Satirical Monk (#666) himself. He was then led away to be innoculated against most known diseases and against all known truth seria.

WIEN (1 November 1901, Demi-Tass) Hey, betcha Lucy didn't like that cut into her greese supply!

INNSBRUCH (2 December 1901, Demi-Tass) Dr. Hilaric Frostices, Secretary to the noted Baron Muunchhausen, today promulgated the doctrine of Incipientus Braustarkitis Koningtoweriosis. "The doctrine is based upon the assumption that the Swiss Press let this game ride for a period of weeks and then slammed it to give our beloved Leader exactly 1 week to complete a set of orders," preached Dr. Frostices. "We can only now assume that Red Labour Anarchism has taken root to our West. We will be able to tell better if the other symptoms appear, such as publishing on paper which falls apart at the slightest touch, and writing inane slogans on slogans." ((Knapsacks are FUN!))

THE WORLD-FAMOUS TOP-DOG HOT DOG STAND ON DURANTNEVSKI BLVD. IN MOSCOW (23 December 1901, Demi-Tass) Well, look here - it's Little Jimmy, Infant Prinz James IV!

Guess who slipped thru Russia inside a case of Fascist propaganda and cigars? Heh. Snorkel! Well, Drinklet, your time is running snort. Ah, those Delicious Gasses! Hmmm. Should I toss Lucy's Grease into the river? Should I hide it whilst she finishes a potential $\frac{1}{2}$ hour long shower? Ought I to break every piece of glass at these 2 new silver bars down the street. Should I...

GENEVA (DWE) Yes, YES, YESS!!!

ODESSA (25 June 1901) His Imperial Majesty, Boris II, Tsar and Autocrat of all the Russias, today proclaimed the CLXXIXth Crusade against the infidel. As His Majesty reviewed the Russian Second Army prior to its departure to the Balkan wars, He said, "We shall liberate Tsargrad from the Turkish dogs and unc-----d (yes, John, I know that sTab is a family 'zine) pigs. The woman-king of the Turks pretends to peace, but We know differently. Only when the defilers of Santa Sofia are run out of Tsargrad on a rail can peace come to Asia and to Greece. The marriage of Zoë of Tsargrad to Our predecessor Ivan III sanctified and ratified the union of the Third Rome with the Second Rome. Only the Tsar of the Russians and the Greeks may rule over Tsargrad. Southward, Our brave warriors, in the name of Sviatoslav the Great, Constantine Palaiologos, and Zoë Oldenburg, into the fray!"

PETROGRAD (16 September 1901) While puttering about the Summer Palace today, Her Imperial Majesty, the Tsarina Lukretsya found a damp rock in one of the dungeons. Turning it over, She discovered the Mad Satirical ((Ubiquitous)) Monk, that pig A.C.B. Sweinsonoff. "Eee!" Her Majesty shrieked. "A mouse!" Her Majesty fled, but was cornered in the Library by the nefarious Sweinsonoff. Some hours later, the Palace guards ~~rescued~~ apprehended

the exhausted Sweinsonoff and hustled him off to a dungeon. "Well," said Her Majesty, "he's no mouse!" The trial of Sweinsonoff for the murder of Tsar Nikolai will be some time this winter, after "that worm" is captured.

MOSCOW (3 October 1901) (Ecben Press) Sentries at the town gates were astonished at the advent of a lone rider on a white stallion. He was identified as Orven Deal, a notorious adventurer in the service of the Supreme Ruler of Rumania, Sir Elric Lessingham. After hurling a dagger with a parchment document attached into the gate, he abruptly vanished. The document read as follows:

"WE, Daniel the First, Tsar of all the Ruthenes, and of Kiev, and of Vladimir, and of Odessa, and of Bessarabia, and of Taurida, and other countries, Hetman of All the Cossacks, proclaim the freedom of Ukraine, which has been suppressed by the Russian tyranny throughout the centuries, and defiance of the usurper Badenov, and pledge that we will level the new Sodom of his capital. He who defies us shall feel the wrath Teupan, and Koshchei the Deathless, and Jacy, and Janicot, and others too ghastly to mention. Given under our hand and the Sigil of Scoteia."

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GENE PROSNITZ, 200 Clinton St., Brooklyn, N.Y. 11201 I notice that you list the Beshara telephone game. My own feeling is that this game should not be counted in ratings, etc. I think that telephone and postal Diplomacy are two entirely different things. For one thing, take the matter of communication. In a postal game, most people never write. In most of my games I find myself corresponding with only one main ally most of the time (after the first year or two).

On the other hand, in a telephone everybody talks to everyone else during each move season. It's like an over-the-board game in that respect.

On the crucial question of stability of alliances and degree of backstabbing, postal play and telephone play are poles apart, with over-the-board play in the middle. Postal games appear to be the most honest; there's something about the written word which inhibits most people. Also, what you put on paper may be forwarded to a third party.

In an over-the-board game, you can see who is talking to whom, so you often have some warning of an impending backstab.

On the other hand, in telephone play, the sky is the limit. To illustrate the difference: In our two games ((the two games in which both Gene and I play)), 1968F and 1968G, I know of no real backstabs that have taken place in the entire game, no occasions where a player has written a lying letter and stabbed the recipient that move, or where a player has suddenly turned on an unsuspecting ally and attacked him. In my 14 postal games, I think I've only been double crossed three or four times total, and only perpetrated about the same number myself.

By contrast, in this one telephone game, I've been stabbed seven times! In other words, there's been more treachery in one

telephone game than in 14 postal games combined. Maybe it's just that we city slickers from New York are all a den of thieves; however, I think it demonstrates that postal and telephone play are two different games.

Another point: In postal play, players who write a lot of letters do better than their tactical ability warrants; on the other hand, you have good tacticians who seldom write letters and their postal results suffer. ((Don't you think letter-writing is part of what makes a "good" postal diplomacy player.)) In any event, when you rate postal games, you're rating the communication factor as well, and the ability to convince by letter, which is entirely different from the ability to negotiate over the phone.

((I agree with you, and I should have preceded the number given to Beshara's game by a "#", which was Wells' original symbol for a game which had been given a number, but which he felt was a variant -- like Peery's 35 supply center game. I will also use this symbol when, next issue, I assign numbers to those games using the Key rule. Assigning them a number gives the games a handy label for those who don't consider them a variant, and who consequently wish to wate them. But by putting a # before a number, I indicate that I think it's a variant. Numbers are assigned to games as a convenience for players, gamesmasters, and rating list buffs... but I'll be damned if I want to set myself up as the arbiter of what everyone is to consider a "regular" and a "variant" game. Your points are well taken. jgk))

LAWRENCE PEERY, 4567 Virginia Ave., San Diego, Calif. 92115 How can a fruit like Rod Walker know anything about Oranges? Lemons would be more likely? ((Are you trying to say that Walker wouldn't know an orange if it ran up and bit him on the leg?))

CAROL ANN SCHNEIDER, 4550 Scott Ave., St. Louis, Miss. 63110

California oranges are used in the orange juice they serve here ((Washington University)). No offense to Rod, but it's really terrible stuff. I don't know how they can even sell anything that bad. So much for oranges.

JEFF W. KEY, P.O. Box 251, Eatontown, N.J. 07724. In normal circumstances I do not write letters to editors because I am a rather easy going sort of fellow. Insults roll off of my back like rain off of an Army issue raincoat. There is, however, one situation which has arisen which I can not let pass. This is the Walker-inspired debate on Oranges. I do not wish to attest to the virtues of that second-best orange that is grown in Californrnia or even that watery also-ran that is found in such profusion in Florida. Indeed, I do not even intend to attempt to list the numberless virtues of the one truly succulent and tangy orange that is grown in the United States. My one purpose in writing this letter is to protest the deliverate and malicious affront to which every native and adopted son of the sovereign state of Texas was subjected by Captain Walker's letter printed in STAB 54.

The Ignominy of it! To pick up STAB and to read a discussion upon the merits of one type of orange over another and not to even

find the Texas orange mentioned. Slurs and insults can be overlooked as having come from the uninformed or ignorant, but to be deliberately ignored... ("Snubbed" is the word you want.)

Now that I stop to think about it, I realize that many people do not even realize that Texas grows oranges. Since Texas only ranks third in the nation in quantity of production, California and Florida get all the publicity. I submit, however, that quantity is never any substitute for quality. Everyday on the television I see advertisements by the Citrus Growers Association of Florida or California exhorting the virtues of their respective produce. Now I ask you, if California and Florida oranges are supposed to be so superior, why is it that these states must go out and beat the underbrush in an effort to find somebody, anybody to buy them? You do not see any advertisements about a Texas orange grower who is hard up to sell his crop do you? Of course not! I have even heard of a plan being placed before the Texas House of Representatives to limit or bar the sale of Texas oranges outside of the state. The theory behind this is that it will allow more and more Texans to have their rightful chance to get real oranges. I do not see the need for any such legislation. Very few Texas oranges are exported to the rest of the United States anyway, and as more and more Texans discover its existence there are fewer and fewer available for export.

Yes, now that I think about it, I realize that poor Rod Walker wrote his letter in complete ignorance of the existence of any citrus product superior to California's excuse for an orange. Poor Rod, just to set him straight, as soon as I get back home I intend to send him a few Texas oranges and grapefruit (ask me some time, I'll tell you about the Rio Grande Valley Ruby Red). I think that it must be sort of sad to have to get up in the morning and sit down to breakfast to a glass of Florida or California orange juice when you know that you could be drinking freshly Squeezed Texas orange juice.

((Now just a minute! This castigation has gone far enough! I have stood by patiently -- nodding my head occasionally -- while readers have labeled Captain Walker a fruit, a liar, an arrogant phoney, and an idiot, but I cannot stand for having him labeled ignorant. After all, the term "ignorant" connotes a state that is temporary, that can be remedied by the addition of knowledge. Rod Walker cannot be changed by the application of additional knowledge.))

AND NOW, MORE OF THE OVERWHELMING READER SUPPORT OF WALKER'S POSITION:
MARGARET GEMIGNANI, 3200 N.E. 36th St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33308

Well, Capt Rd does it again. Puts his foot right into it. Now everybody knows I like California but this bit about Florida having crumpy organes and grapefruits. What's this about California having the finest beer?

Come on, Rod, how much you get this time for telling such tall tales? I think Horney get through to you at last. ((Huh?))

Florida organes are good. They are juicy and sweet. They aren't as big as ones from California that come with three Hippies living in them, but they are juicy. California organes are large, but no juice just plup.

The Arizona grapefruits I got this year are called "Goldwater's Revenge." Even the pulp wasn't so good. Why, oh why, do you keep

shipping fruit after the fruit season is done and out comes the pulpy grapefruit, the tasteless organes, and the moldy apples and rotten peaches. In season all fruit is good but out of season, don't eat it.

The organes is always in season in Florida. Florida helps ban stupid commercials by stopping secret underground California movies of all kinds saying "I hate organe juice." from appearing on Florida stations. Fresh Florida organes are natural. They are green, not dyed organes like California fruit.

Now here you can get fifty different important blews all good.

We may have swamp, it is a lot wetty then your desert. That dirt is five hundred dollars an ounce in someplaces. Yours is much cheaper. Got to be, so many poor hippies are wearing it. The Hippies here are clean. They bath in ocean in gold salt every day and drink plenty of organes juice.

By the way, can we have three of your unusually people running for various things for Wallace? You don't have refund the unused portion. His theories are too far out.

How come our organes are so good in California you haven't get the Organe Bowl? Your organes are big effect to house term but they aren't juicy. If the beers is a juicy as organes and as late as the grapefruit, it must be something even John wouldn't drink. ((Which John are you speaking of? If it's me, almost anything is something I wouldn't drink.))

Now that you have been straightened out on the organes I hope you will keep the facts straight.

SO, WE ASKED THE MAN IN THE STREET WHICH ~~ORGANE~~ ORANGE HE PREFERRED:

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Oranges? What are oranges?

FINALLY, CAPTAIN WALKER ANSWER QUESTIONS ON ORANGES AND OTHER...

ROD WALKER, 1575-A White Drive, Rantoul, Ill. 61866 I guess I will have to stick my ear into the Wells-Reinsel controversy. First off, I do not think that Wells' rule is more severe than Reinsel's. First, because Wells provides a stand-by; second, because it is possible to miss three moves in one of Wells' games (i.e., one in 1901, one in 1903, and one in 1905) and still stay in, whereas this is not possible with Charlie Reinsel. Who, then, is the most unreasonable, really? It is not, obviously, a simplistic question of 2 moves versus 3.

Speaking of Reinsel, the apologia of his you printed from BB#69 was interesting. Why does he have this sydden urge to defend his postal rating system? So far as I know, no one has even challenged his insistance that his system is somehow "official." ((It is official in Big Brother.) However, I will attend to that when I begin an analysis of rating systems in the next EREWHON.

Anent the comment on the IDF which Reinsel alleges he got from von Metzke, I might note that the phrase "We of the IDF" has no basis in fact since the IDF Constitution failed of ratification, and the "proposal committee," such as it was, has long since folded. In fact, I should think that I have more right to speak for it than

anyone, since I was the author of the original draft on which the first proposal was based and I also did most of the work and supported the thing financially. At any rate, if the IDF does eventually institute an official rating system, I doubt that it will be based on Reinsel's.

Glad to see you supporting the 18-unit victory criterion. I feel confident that this will some day be more or less standard, as it is certain that Calhamar intended this to be so, even if the language of the rulebook is less than clear on that point. The "18-centers-plus-a-majority-of-the-pieces" criterion I am not so sure about. The rulebook clearly uses number of pieces only as a criterion. Oh, well...

((There are more letters, including an interesting one from John McCallum, but 20 pages is about all I care to run in an issue. See you in three weeks. jgk.))

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